

PROGRAM BACKGROUND

DNRC's Watershed Management Grant program was established in 2015 as part of the Renewable Resource Grant and Loan program. The program's objectives are guided by MCA Title 85, Chapter 1, Part 6.

This brochure is designed to be a quick and easy informational guide for interested applicants. Further questions should be directed to Chris Carparelli, Watershed Management Grant program manager (contact information on front cover).



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PROGRAM INFORMATION



NEXT APPLICATION CYCLE

Opens: May 1, 2017

Closes: June 30, 2017 5:00pm

Targeted Award Notification Date: July 21, 2017

Apply online at www.fundingmt.gov

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PROGRAM PURPOSE

To provide financial support for the development and implementation of **locally led** watershed resource management activities that provide **measurable conservation, development, or preservation benefits** to renewable resources.



ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

- ♦ Local government
- ♦ State government
- ♦ Tribal government
- ♦ Non profit entities*
- ♦ Private entities*

*Must provide match $\geq 3 \times$ grant request unless partnering with a government entity that will act as applicant/sponsor



QUALIFIED ACTIVITIES

- ♦ Implementation of watershed management projects
- ♦ Development of natural resource management plans
- ♦ Public meetings, education and outreach, data collection, and other tasks related to project planning
- ♦ Staff time related to project planning and management
- ♦ Hosting a Big Sky Watershed Corps member
- ♦ Purchasing equipment and materials necessary for project implementation**
- ♦ Attendance of professional conferences and training events related to ongoing watershed management projects

**50/50 match required

EVALUATION CRITERIA

- ♦ Evidence of existence of a local renewable resource concern that will be addressed
- ♦ Measurability of anticipated benefits to renewable resources
- ♦ Specificity of proposed activities and project purpose
- ♦ Connection to local and state natural resource plans
- ♦ Evidence demonstrating local landowner, community and stakeholder participation in proposed project
- ♦ Evidence of past project management competency and fiscal accountability



AVAILABLE FUNDING

- ♦ Limit **\$20,000** per applicant per biennium
- ♦ **\$300,000** total program funding available July 1, 2017—June 30, 2019